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SUBJ: INDO-FRENCH AGREEMENT ON URANIUM EXPLORATION AMENDED

1. APRIL 14, WHILE SIGNING TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE 1969 AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDONESIA AND FRANCE FOR COOPERATION IN CARRYING OUT URANIUM EXPLORATION IN KALIMANTAN, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INDONESIAN ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (BATAN), DR. A.BAIQUNI, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE EXPLORATION SO FAR CARRIED OUT HAD YIELDED ENCOURAGING RESULTS, AND HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WOULD BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE TO EXPLOIT THE URANIUM THERE. THE AMENDMENTS PROVIDE, INTER ALIA, THAT IF URANIUM DEPOSITS ARE FOUND TO BE ECONOMICALLY EXPLOITABLE, THE "FRENCH SIDE SHALL BE INVITED FOR NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THEIR MINING," EXPLORATION IS TO BE CONCLUDED BY 1979.

2. THE RESULTS OF INDO-FRENCH EXPLORATION EFFORT ARE TIGHTLY HELD, BUT AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE IT HAS LONG
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BEEN RUMORED THAT THEY ARE PROMISING. RECENTLY, THANKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, WE WERE ABLE TO FURNISH INDONESIAN OFFICIAL WITH DETAILS ON URANIUM MINING AND PROCESSING COSTS IN ANTICIPATION OF NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE. HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL AND INDICATED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE LATER THIS YEAR. TWO RADIOACTIVE BEARING MINERALS FOUND SO FAR ARE

SAID TO BE URANITE AND MONAZITE AND THEY ARE BEING
FOUND IN THE NANGA PINOH DISTRICT, NEAR SINTANG, WEST
KALIMANTAN PROVINCE.
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